

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-36 cancelled.

37. (Presently Amended) A unitary press block for inserting a plurality of terminals into a substrate comprising:

a unitary housing having a solid top surface, a solid bottom surface, solid side walls, and a generally planar base; and

a plurality of discrete openings extending through said base and terminating within said housing, said plurality of discrete openings arranged in a plurality of spaced apart rows and spaced apart columns, said plurality of discrete openings adapted to distribute a force to the terminals during insertion into the substrate and to removably engage the terminals; and

6 a plurality of vertically disposed parallel walls extending from said base, said walls being solid and extending the entire distance said columns of said openings are spaced apart and defining at least vertically oriented open areas between said walls, said at least two vertically oriented open areas in communication with said openings in said base, ~~said open areas having a cross sectional area larger than the cross sectional area of said openings in said base.~~

38. (Previously Amended) The press block according to claim 37 wherein:

said rows and columns defined by reinforcement and insertion members; and

wherein there is a wall corresponding to each insertion member and an open area corresponding to each column of discrete openings.

39. (Original) The press block recited in claim 37, wherein said planar base comprises a vertical face of said press block.

Claim 40 withdrawn from consideration.

41. (Original) The press block as recited in claim 38, wherein the press block is a composite of a polymer and a fine grain metal.

42. (Original) The press block as recited in claim 38, wherein said discrete openings are tapered.

61 43. (Original) The press block as recited in claim 38, wherein a surface of said openings has a convex profile.

44. (Original) The press block recited in claim 38, further comprising a second press block, said press blocks stackable end-to-end without a loss of contact position.

Claims 45-48 cancelled.

Claims 49-52 withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 53-54 cancelled.

Concluded